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Dear Mr. Bush:

On September 19, 1975, I wrote to your Agency with a Freedom of Information Act request. Over a period of approximately one year, I have received two batches of documents, some with deletions, from Mr. Gene F. Wilson of your Agency.

However, these responses do not reach a number of important questions raised in my letter of September 19, 1975. On the first two pages of that letter, I asked for any records concerning electronic or other surveillance, mail opening or mail cover, physical entry to any premise, or any other actions that might have been taken, considered, discussed, or contemplated by your Agency or any persons associated with it. While some of the documents released to me can be construed to come under the heading "of any other actions taken," none of the documents refer to any of the specific kinds of intrusion mentioned in my letter of request.

This leaves open two possibilities: (1) that your records do not reflect any discussion, planning, or action in this regard, or (2) the documents that have not been released or those portions that have been deleted may refer to plans for, or the conduct of such surveillance or intrusion.

Let me make it clear that I, of course, have reached no such conclusion in the absence of documentation. However, it would be very helpful to me-- and I believe in keeping with the spirit of a full answer to my request-- if it could be stated to me that no records of the Central Intelligence Agency, including documents and portions of documents that have not been released to me refer to these matters, if that is the case. I am sure that you can understand how the absence of such an assurance could easily lead to an opposite conclusion.

Sincerely yours,

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